

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 7-16 are pending. The amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter is added by their entry. The scope of the claims is limited to reacting an epoxide in response to the Examiner's enablement rejection. Although claims 17-24 were not rejected by the Examiner, they are canceled to expedite allowance of this application. Entry of the amendments will reduce the issues on appeal.

Claims 1-2 and 7-16 were rejected under Section 112, first paragraph, because they allegedly lacking enablement. The Examiner accepts that "reacting an epoxide" is enabled, but maintains the rejection for olefins. Applicants traverse because the claim amendments moot the remaining part of this rejection.

Withdrawal of the enablement rejection made under Section 112, first paragraph, is requested because it would not require undue experimentation for a person of skill in the art to make and use the claimed invention.

Having fully responded to all of the pending objections and rejections contained in this Office Action, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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